

MOURNING THE PASSING OF HON. MAYNARD H. JACKSON

(Ms. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I would like first to affirm what was said by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON), who so eloquently gave a very brief overview of the life and work of the Honorable Maynard Jackson. Maynard Jackson was perhaps one of the most profound individuals that I have met in a lifetime. He was very dedicated. He had a lot of energy. He had a lot of perseverance. He had a lot of vision. And indeed he was very spiritual.

As I sat there and heard the gentlewoman from California talk about him, I could not help but think about John the Revelator that sat on the lonely island of Patmos, looked at an old city but envisioned what was great for a new city, and then Maynard Jackson began to build a new city, Atlanta, Georgia, created millions of millionaires, did much to bring the city to the forefront. Maynard Jackson was a very unassuming individual, too. He followed scripture in terms of not boasting about himself but letting his light so shine by his good works.

He is an individual that I will never forget. He is a person that I know his family is in very great sorrow for. He was the son of a Baptist preacher, and so perhaps that explains some of the eloquence that Maynard Jackson had. But this country, not just Atlanta, not just his family but the whole country has indeed lost an incredible, a remarkable individual in that of the Honorable Maynard Jackson.

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(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing of Maynard Jackson. When I had the great privilege of serving as Mayor of the City of Cleveland, Maynard Jackson and I were contemporaries in his service as Mayor of the City of Atlanta. In working with him through the years and learning his dedication, not only to the people of Atlanta but urban America, I was able to see that there was a real opportunity for people of good will to achieve a synthesis of that good will, of urban policy, because Maynard Jackson made the cause of cities his cause and he spoke to the needs of the people of urban America eloquently, with deep passion and with a concern about the potential of urban America that was being ignored. But he infused the City of Atlanta with his own potential, and with his passion and with his heart he helped raise Atlanta to greater and greater heights.

Maynard Jackson was not only a servant of Atlanta and the State of

Georgia, but of America and the world because his life was about bringing people together and his life was about the potential of not only minorities but of every individual to make a dedication to community. So today, as Maynard Jackson passes, we can reflect on that wise Latin saying translated into English that says, "If you seek his monument, look around." And wherever you look, in urban America, where men and women are dedicated to building up cities, you are always going to remember and be reminded of Maynard Jackson.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the Special Order time of the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KELLER)?

There was no objection.

SALUTING SHERIFF KEVIN BEARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KELLER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to salute one of the leaders in my hometown of Orlando, Florida, who has just been recognized as America's top cop. It is my happy privilege to announce to this Chamber that Orange County, Florida, Sheriff Kevin Beary is the winner of the 2003 National Sheriff of the Year award. I was pleased to personally recommend my friend Sheriff Beary for this award, and I did not say nice things about him just because every time I see him he is packing heat.

Kevin is the fourth generation of the Beary family who have selflessly devoted themselves to protecting others. He commands one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the southeastern United States. He is not only responsible for the safety of 1 million people who live in the central Florida area but for the millions of tourists

who visit places like Walt Disney World and Universal Studios in my district every year.

As a member of the House Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee, I have relied heavily on his expert advice to help drive my law enforcement agenda. Sheriff Beary and I teamed up to protect the COPS program and put more police officers on the street. We have worked together to build a new Federal courthouse in downtown Orlando designed to embassy safety standards, and we have stood together shoulder to shoulder against casino gambling and the drug legalization movement in Florida. But I think most importantly we have worked together since the events of 9-11 to make sure that our first responders have the tools they need to protect the people of central Florida and the tourists who play in our backyard from those who would plot against our Nation.

Kevin Beary is everything a sheriff should be. He is a friend to our most vulnerable citizens. He is a tireless volunteer in our community, and frankly he scares the hell out of the bad guys who would prey on our neighborhoods. Love him or fear him, everyone in central Florida knows Kevin Beary means business; and in light of this prestigious award he has now received, everyone in America knows too.

When I have a question on an issue facing law enforcement before this Congress, the first thing I do is call my sheriff. I am pleased to have the 2003 National Sheriff of the Year Kevin Beary on my speed dial. I say to my colleagues they should all be so lucky.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HINCHEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GUTKNECHT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

IN MEMORY OF MAYNARD JACKSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to speak on the untimely passing of Maynard Hollbrook Jackson. I was blessed to know Maynard Jackson for almost 40 years. Maynard Jackson was a wonderful human being, a gifted, brilliant politician. He was the kind of individual who was not afraid to take risks. Maynard Jackson was always

getting in the way for the common good.

In 1968, moved by the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Robert Kennedy, he ran for the United States Senate in the Democratic primary against incumbent Senator Herman Talmadge. He later made history by becoming the first African American mayor of a major southern city. His leadership as vice mayor of Atlanta and later as mayor of Atlanta for three terms transformed our city into the gateway to the New South. As mayor, Maynard Jackson emerged as a role model for other big-city mayors and younger elected officials. We often heard, if Maynard Jackson can do it, so can we. His accomplishments created a greater sense of possibility, a greater sense of hope, a greater sense of optimism.

Mr. Speaker, it is so ironic and almost eerie, really strange that Maynard Jackson's passing would happen at almost the same time as the Supreme Court's decision in support of affirmative action. He was one of the great champions for diversity, inclusion, and fairness, not just in government and business but in all areas of American life.

Perhaps Maynard Jackson's greatest accomplishment as mayor was the building of the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport. Under Maynard Jackson's leadership, Atlanta Hartsfield became one of the largest and busiest airports in the world. At one time, Atlanta Hartsfield included more minority contractors than any other airport in the country. Maynard Jackson insisted that if majority contractors were to participate in construction of the airport, so would minority contractors.

Maynard Jackson must be remembered as one of the founding fathers, not just of the new Atlanta, not just of the New South, but of the new America. He will be missed by all of the good people of Atlanta, all of the good people of Georgia, and the Nation and around the world. As mayor, he established in a profound way the sister city program. Many of our cities around the world became sister cities of the city of Atlanta. He traveled far and broad to carry the message of hope.

Mr. Speaker, my prayers are with his wife, Valerie, his children, and all members of the Jackson family. We all mourn for the family. We mourn for the citizens of Atlanta, for the citizens of Georgia, and for all of his friends.

CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CULBERSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I have joined the Congress after serving 14 years in the Texas House of Representatives, and in every one of those years the State of Texas operated under a Federal court order controlling

our prison system. We have operated under Federal court orders controlling our mental health hospitals. We have operated under State court orders controlling our school finance system; and as a committed Jeffersonian, I fought strenuously to be sure that the people of Texas through their elected representatives would control our prisons, our mental health hospitals, and, above all, our school finance system which our legislature will deal with in a special session later this area.

One week from today, the Texas legislature will meet again in a special session to exercise the will of the people of Texas to control the way our congressional districts are drawn. That special session that will begin in 1 week has been the subject of much attention nationally in the preceding weeks; and of all the different analyses that I have seen done, the most eloquent, the most insightful analysis of what is taking place in the State of Texas in congressional redistricting was written by a young woman, Laura Childers, who expressed her opinion on the pages of the Houston Chronicle on May 15 of 2003. I would like to share her words with the Nation and with the Congress.

Laura Childers wrote: "I am not a Republican, and I am not a Democrat. I am a naive 17-year-old girl who has yet to cast her first vote. Maybe looking to the actions of my elders shall help to coach me in the manner that a ballot should be cast. This should be particularly useful in the presidential elections in November, upon which I, along with millions of my fellow young comrades, will have reached the powerful age of 18. So far I've learned a lot.

"It appears that the distinction of party and not of morality is what is supposed to define a politician in American legislatures today; am I correct? Take the recent Democrat walk-out from the Texas House of Representatives. What I gather from this incident is that it does not necessarily matter to the defending exiles that Texas citizens voted the Republican majority into office for the explicit reason of passing Republican legislation. In fact, I've heard statements from Democrats and their supporters that going against the American public's will is a very patriotic thing to do. This leads me to believe that the old, apparently outdated, reasons for government institutions no longer stand. The hopes and dreams of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln for a voice in the government for every American, regardless of position or belief, have been shattered.

"The creation of the democratic experiment of the United States of America was designed to see if it was possible for men to rule themselves. For the first time in modern history, there existed a haven where there were no dictators, no kaisers, no kings and no queens. There were the people, the voters, the common man. The people were to rule themselves by imposing a type

of controlled majority rule in the place of a tiny group of monarchial individuals. Representatives were to be elected by popular vote with the mission to represent and act upon the beliefs and wishes of their electors. Political parties naturally formed between groups of representatives who symbolized common wishes of their voters. In order to further promote these wishes, political parties unified with one another. The legislation proposed by the parties was made in the interest of the voter and was overturned or affirmed depending on the will of the majority. Thus bills were passed by population representatives in an effort to advocate for the bulk of all those represented.

"When people impede this delicate process, they encumber the right of every American voter to fair representation. By not allowing a majority rule but forcing a type of minority monarchy, the great voice of the American public has been silenced to a sickly whisper. In the place of a free democracy with freedom for all and dishonesty toward none, a type of legal party regime has been set up, and the rights of American individuals have vanished. If one party is allowed to manipulate government institutions on any level, State or national, as the group of Democrat representatives in leisure at an Oklahoma resort have, our rights as Americans have been breached. We have been denied the Government power granted to us upon the signing of our Constitution.

"If this is the way that the tumultuous ship of today's Government, the institutions of 2003, is intended to be steered, then this is not the America that I had thought it was, been taught it was and hoped it was.

"If the America I'd dreamed of and prayed for does not, in fact, exist and Thomas Jefferson's 'boisterous sea of liberty' has long since dried to a shadowy pit of political regimes and power-hungry abusers of our Mother Freedom, then I will fight for the hopes of Washington and I will battle for the lessons of Lincoln. If America is to be true to herself, if man still be just, then let our Lady Liberty's voice be heard to mend this crack entrenching on our precious, sacred, irreplaceable bell of liberty, our vote."

I am proud to say that Laura Childers is a constituent. She is a junior at Memorial High School in congressional district seven that I am so proud to represent, and I believe Laura Childers understands precisely what the American Constitution is about, what majority rule means, and what it means that the people of Texas have for the first time since 1876 voted in a new Republican majority in the Texas legislature, and Laura understands that it is the people of Texas and not the courts who should draw congressional districts.